

arra (Parowan Stake), Iron county, Utah, was born Oct. 5, 1838, at Gravelly, England, the son of John Ford and Rebecca Chandler. Becoming a convert to "Mormonism" he was baptized in 1855, emigrated to Utah in 1854, crossing the Atlantic in the ship "Wanderer" which landed at New Orleans. Going up the Missouri river, a number of the company died. He crossed the plains in an independent company and while on the plains he himself was stricken with severe sickness, but was restored through the administration of the Elders. William married Martha Mullner, June 28, 1869, and after his arrival in the Valley he located in the Seventeenth Ward, Salt Lake City, where he resided until the fall of 1855, when he moved to Centerville, Davis county, where he engaged in farming, but the grasshoppers destroyed the crops by which he, with the rest of the people, suffered severely the following year for

want of food. He participated in the Echo Canyon campaign at the time of the Johnston Army trouble, and during the general move in 1858 he went as far south as Springville, Utah county, but returned with other young men to Centerville to watch the crops, being instructed to destroy the settlement in case peace was not established. In 1862 he went to the Missouri river as a



Church teamster after the poor. In 1866 he settled in Upper Kanab, but was counseled to go to Long Valley on account of Indian troubles. In the spring of 1866, when the settlements in Long Valley were broken up, Bro. Ford moved with his family to Kanarra and during the following few years participated in a number of Indian expeditions. From 1888 to 1901 he acted as Bishop of Kanarra and died in Cedar City Dec. 3, 1916.